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SUBJECT: WILSON AIDE ON SOCDEM MEETING

REF: COPENHAGEN 208

1. PRIME MINISTER WILSON HAS NOT MADE PUBLIC STATEMENT  
SINCE RETURNILG FROM ELSINORE MEETING, BUT EMBOFF SPOKE  
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TO HIS PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARY, JOHN TOMLINSON,

MP. WHO ATTENDED. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, HMG IS NOW PREPARING SERIES OF QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED OF WILSON IN HOUSE OF COMMONS IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TIME. IN INTERIM WE SHALL SEEK OUT OTHER PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR VIEWS.

2. TOMLINSON SAID WILSON WAS VERY PLEASED WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S CHALLENGE OF MITTERRAND ON RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST PARTIES AND NATO (REFTEL) WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY NORTHERN EUROPEAN LEADERS AS WELL. HE BELIEVES MITTERRAND'S CAVEAT THAT FRENCH EXPERIENCE WITH COMMUNIST PARTY MIGHT NOT BE TRANSFERABLE TO OTHER SOUTHERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WAS DIRECT RESULT OF MITTERRAND'S AWARENESS OF NORTHERN EUROPEAN AND U.S. VIEWS. ITALIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (PSDI), HE SAID, SUPPORTED NORTHERN VIEW, WHILE PSI TENDED TOWARD FRENCH VIEW (WE UNDERSTAND BRITISH LABOR PARTY IS TRYING TO PLAY HONEST BROKER IN EFFORT TO BRING PSI AND PSDI TOGETHER). REGARDING SPAIN. TOMLINSON SAID PSOE LEADER GONZALES INSISTS ON LEGALIZATION OF SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY AS SINE QUA NON FOR PSOE ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION, BECAUSE ANY OTHER POSTURE WOULD GIVE APPEARANCE THAT GOVERNMENT HAD CO-OPTED PSOE, WHICH WOULD BE POLITICALLY DAMAGING. GONZALES ALSO OPINED THAT ELECTORAL OUTCOME IN SPAIN WOULD APPROXIMATE THAT IN PORTUGAL. HE ESTIMATED THAT PSOE AND OTHER SOCIALIST PARTIES WOULD RECEIVE ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF VOTE, WITH COMMUNISTS GETTING LESS THAN TEN PERCENT. BALANCE WOULD BE DIVIDED BETWEEN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND OTHER RIGHT-WING PARTIES. INCLUDING FASCISTS.

3. EMBOFF ASKED IF HEAD OF GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN ANY DECISIONS ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL, BUT SOURCE SAID ISSUE HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN PLENARY SESSIONS (WHICH WERE LARGE AND UNWIELDY). HOWEVER, THEY MAY HAVE DISCUSSED PORTUGAL SITUATION IN PRIVATE LUNCHEON.

4. ACCORDING TO TOMLINSON, BRITISH FELT EL SINORE SESSION WAS USEFUL, THOUGH NO FOLLOW-ON MEETING WAS SCHEDULED. FROM TONE OF HIS REMARKS EMBOFF INFERRED THAT WILSON AND COLLEAGUES ARE NOT PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO MEET FREQUENTLY SUCH A LARGE, DIVERSE BODY IN WHICH CANDOR IS INHIBITED.

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